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**CDBG****Community Development Block Grant Program****MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM****Memorandum Number 04-12****TO: All CDBG Eligible Jurisdictions and CDBG Interested Parties****DATE: December 1, 2004****SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2005 CDBG General/Native American Allocation Funding Cycle Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Application Training Workshops**

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**IMPORTANT MESSAGE!****Purpose of this Memo:**

The State Department of Housing and Community Development's CDBG General/Native American Allocation will be moving the proposed release date for the 2005 NOFA from December 10, 2004 to January 10, 2005. This change in the NOFA release date will mean that general allocation applications will not be due until April. We anticipate the submission deadline will be April 8, 2005 and awards can be made on July 1, 2005.

Any delays in approving the new regulations will result in a delay in issuing the NOFA, application due date, and award of funds date. State CDBG staff has received approval to reach forward into future HUD awards and increase the amount of funds available under this NOFA pending required approval. Our funding pool this year will be approximately \$46 million dollars. Lastly, the NOFA will allow for multiple activities under this year's application 10% set aside.

**Regulation Change:**

This delay in releasing the NOFA is due to state staff completing a change to the state CDBG program regulations. If the regulation change is approved and completed, then it will have a significant impact on the NOFA and application process. The proposed regulation change will allow for jurisdictions to apply for up to three years of funding at \$500,000 per year for a maximum three year award of \$1,500,000. The proposed regulation change will eliminate the non-phasing requirement and allow the maximum funding amount to be used for programs or projects. Applicants can apply for as many programs and projects as they wish under the three year allocation of funding. This will allow for development of large projects while maintaining existing housing programs or public services over the three funding years.

These changes are being put in place in order to assist in funding larger projects in a timely fashion, make programs available over an extended period of time (three funding cycles), and most importantly, to expend the CDBG funds more quickly. It is believed that the additional flexibility provided in these regulation changes will facilitate these objectives of our program.

**Workshop Dates & Locations:**

Application workshops will be held in January and February of 2005. Locations will be announced as part of releasing the NOFA in January.